

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:  
Ronald D. Blum  
Application No.: 09/994,860  
Filed: November 28, 2001  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
REDUCING THE INTENSITY OF  
HURRICANES AT SEA BY DEEP-  
WATER UPWELLING  
Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 9812  
Examiner: BOECKMANN, Jason J.  
Technology Center/Art Unit: 3752  
**SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Commissioner:

Further to the Office Action mailed October 13, 2009, Applicants submit the following summary of interview for telephone interviews with Examiner Boeckmann and Supervisory Patent Examiner Tran on December 10, 2009 and December 11, 2009, respectively.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the December 10, 2009 and December 11, 2009 telephone interviews. Applicants' summary of the substance of the telephone interviews is contained in the following remarks.

Applicants' representative contacted Examiner Boeckmann on December 10, 2009 to discuss the Office Action Summary of the October 13, 2009 Office Action. In particular, Applicants' representative pointed out that both of blocks 2a) and 2b) were incorrectly checked, and requested that a new Office Action be sent to correct this error and to clarify whether the Office Action was intended to be a final rejection. Examiner Boeckmann indicated

that the Office Action was intended to be a first action final rejection, as stated on page 7 of the Office Action, but did not agree to send a new Office Action to correct the error in the Office Action Summary.

Applicants' representative discussed this matter on December 11, 2009 with Supervisory Patent Examiner Tran. Examiner Tran agreed that a new Office Action would be sent, and that the new Office Action would reset the period for reply to the October 13, 2009 Office Action. Applicants appreciate this agreement by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants understand that the Office will be issuing a new Office Action to correct the Office Action Summary of the October 13, 2009, and that the new Office Action will reset the period for reply.

If the Examiner believes a further telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 202-481-9900.

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